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Response To Second Restriction Requirement

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action of November 27, 2006 wherein a second successive restriction requirement was imposed on originally presented claims. The requirement is traversed.

The applicant is being required to further elect from three new groups freshly fashioned from a previously elected group. This piecemeal restriction practice is improper since it has not been induced by any amendment and it violates fundamental principles of fairness in that the applicant might well have made a different election in the first instance if the Office had given notice that it would refuse to examine all of the previously elected claims. For these reasons reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement imposed in the November 27, 2006 is requested.

Subject to the foregoing, applicant provisionally elects group I, claims 25-26, 29-31 and 49-51.

Respectfully submitted,

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